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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th July, 1886.

SIR,-

I have the honour, by direction of the Colonial Secretary, to request that you will be good enough to furnish, at your early convenience, the information respecting the indebtedness of local bodies, called for in the annexed order of the House of Representatives, dated the 27th July, 1886.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. COOPER.

(No. 108 of 1886.)

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives, Tuesday, the 27th July, 1886.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing the indebtedness of all local bodies, the amount of interest and sinking fund, and the security in each case."—(Mr O'Conor.)